

## Governors exhibit: What they said

•"It is a little spooky to see yourself under glass. This was, as you know, a dream of mine to build a great museum for Oklahoma, across from the lighted dome of the Capitol. And we have it."

Former Gov. Frank Keating

•"I'm kind of stunned by the history of the whole thing. To have this many governors altogether. It (the exhibit) is very nice. It's very professional. We were all sitting back there just laughing because there's pictures of me being an intern to David Boren and pictures of Brad Henry being an intern to George Nigh. I forgot I had that big mustache."

Former Gov. David Walters

•"I really liked it. It brought back a lot of memories. I could never believe I was that young. This is so close to us, it continues to inspire us. I think it helps keep the pioneer spirit alive in our state. One of the good things about getting together was with the passage of time, all the differences of opinions on issues and parties and all the rest of it just go away. And it's really like one big fraternity of people who shared the same responsibilities. Sort of wish you could bottle that spirit and keep it alive."

Former Gov. David Boren

• "The exhibit is wonderful. I guess each of us will go back privately and look and see what they did to us or see if we approve of it."

Former Gov. George Nigh

•"It's a pleasure to see the other governors and former governors and see a lot of old friends here in the crowd. Nights like this bring back a lot of memories. This one did. Most of us tend to forget the bad moments and remember the good ones."

Former Gov. Henry Bellmon

• "In this year of our centennial, the first families of Oklahoma exhibit is a wonderful way to showcase the leaders who helped shape our great state. This is a first-class exhibit that educates and really stokes the imagination."

Gov. Brad Henry

•"I think it is a marvelous accomplishment to bring together the seven living governors."

Betty Price, Oklahoma Arts Council executive director

•"I love the idea of it. It's a marvelous idea for an exhibit."

Attorney General Drew Edmondson

- "We gave them (the museum) old campaign photos."

Dewey Bartlett Jr., talking about giving museum items for the exhibit

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